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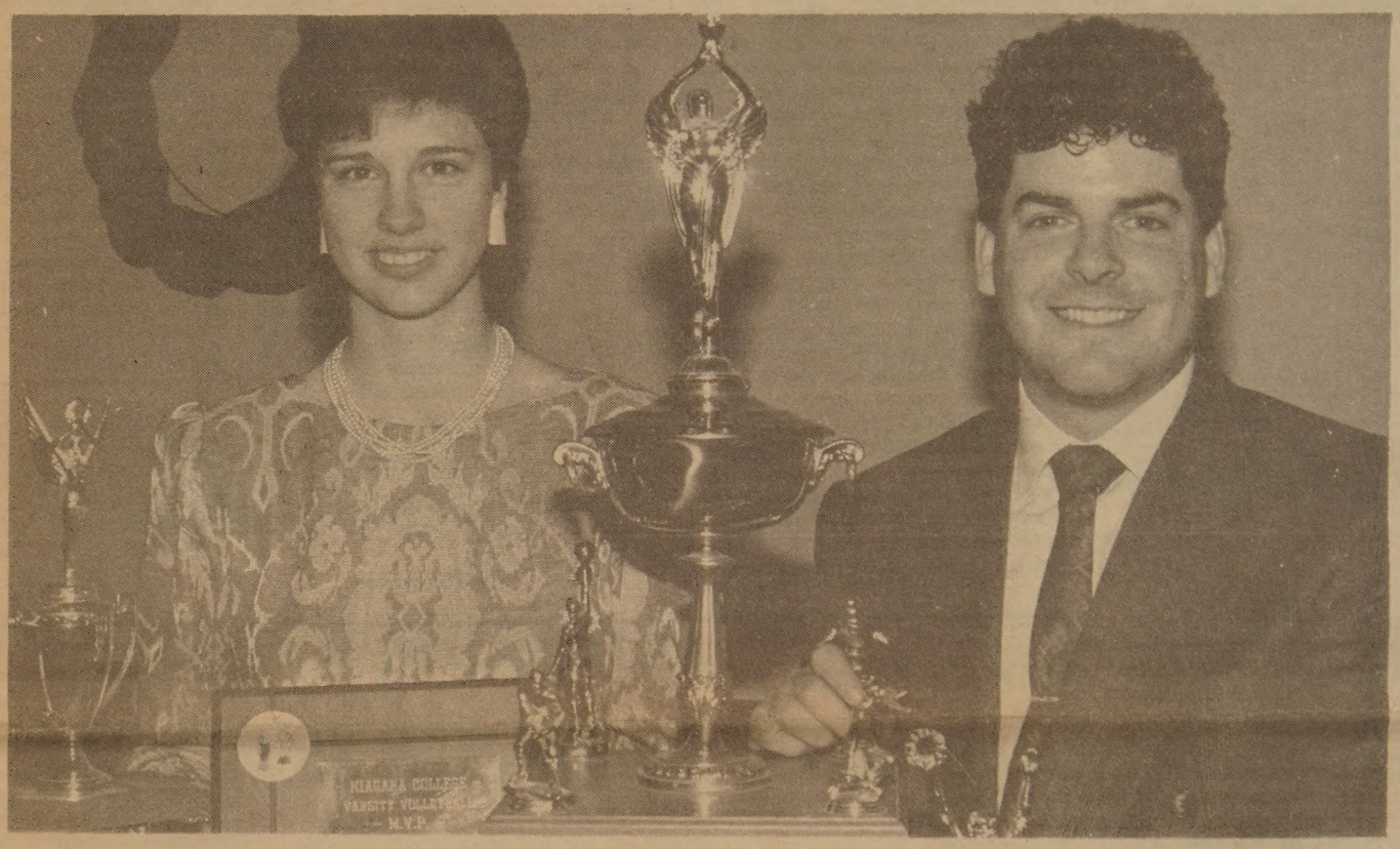

Niagara's Athletes of the Year

Leah Kulas and Jim Darling were named male and female Athletes of the Year for the second year at the 21st Annual Athletic Banquet. Both were awarded special certificates of merit from Mayor Roland Hardy and the city of Welland.

Photo by Sheila McBrayne

College struts its stuff

Hundreds of people are expected to flow through the halls of the Welland campus Sunday to see a fine array of displays in the college Open House.

Some of the highlights will include a demonstration of computerized numerical control equipment in the engineering technology program; guided tours through micro-electronics facilities; nursing care demonstrations, and tours and information on day care facilities.

The schedule of events for the Open House is available from the executive dean's office, ME 100.

Highlights of all programs that will be participating and the location of those programs are included in the schedule.

Marc Sigouin,Student Administrative Council's vice-president for athletics, said SAC will be displaying what it did this year and what it plans for next year.

SELL PIZZA

Marc said SAC will be selling pizza, and there "will be a little SAC night" in front of the SAC office. The Alchemey band, composed of college students, will play in the Manera Court.

Fred Habermehl, executive dean, said people should come early because "it takes more than a full afternoon to get around to everything." The Open House will run from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Most of the displays will be in the halls of the Simcoe-Lundy-Merrit-Tecumseh complex; and Hennepin Hall and Black Walnut buildings will not be used.

"We're saying to the general public, 'It's your college, come and see all the things that happen here,' " Mr. Habermehl said.

Women interested in self-defence will see a demonstration of self-defence for women in the gymnasium.

VOLLEYBALL

The athletics department is planning to have volleyball as the only sport for the Open House, unless people ask to take part in other sports.

Peter Rylander, athletics co-ordinator, said he is trying to get people from both the men's and women's volleyball teams. "But if anyone else wants to play, they're welcome."

Badminton could be arranged if people so desire, but "right now I haven't seen anyone who wants to play badminton."

Continuing education is going to use one side of the gym for women's self-defence, and the athletics department hopes to use the other side with co-ed volleyball. The game is scheduled to start at about 1 p.m.

The English division will be helping a good cause in the Sunday Open House by holding a paperback book sale whose proceeds will go to needy students.

SPECIAL FUND

"It's a special fund that will be set up this year for needy students," Marti Jurmain, operations co-ordinator, said. "Perhaps it could provide needy emergency funds for groceries for the week or something."

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Eleven in SAC race

Eleven students had picked up nomination kits for the coming Student Administrative Council elections at press time, but their names and posts will not be available until today.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said she does not know which positions they want, or if there are positions that no candidate has picked up a kit for.

Last year four of the seven SAC posts were filled by acclamation, but "so far it looks as if there is more participation," Donna said.

Only one candidate has returned the kit and the deadline for returning them is today. The seven available posts are: president, vice-president, vice-president of social affairs, vice-president of internal affairs, vice-president of external affairs, vice-president of finance and vice-president of athletics.

April 3 to 17 will be campaigning days, and the elections will be on April 19. There will be an advance poll on April 18.

Last year only six per cent of eligible students voted, but the number is expected to be more this year. There has been a significant increase in student participation in SAC activities this year as compared to last year.

The most challenging position in SAC is that of president as this student is expected to participate in college activities, and he is also expected to attend conferences about the college.

The current SAC president Jim Acsai said he thinks the position of president "should be a full-time position." There is a lot of work involved, and a full-time president would do a better job, he said.

However, he said being SAC president is a great learning experience, and he does not have any regrets about being president. He would not, however, seek another term.

The other posts are also no less important, and they all require hard-working students.

Jim urges students to run for SAC posts, and to vote on election day.

Power interruptions

College may be hit should hydro strike

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

Niagara College could be greatly inconvenienced if Ontario Hydro goes on a province-wide strike April 1.

Jack Spittle, director of plant and property at the Welland campus, said, "The college could expect either interruptions in power or the possible closure of the school caused by a power cut to the city of Welland."

Niagara College purchases its electricity from the city of Welland who in turn buys power from Ontario Hydro. "If Ontario Hydro cuts off electricity to the city of Welland the college may not be able to operate," Mr. Spittle said.

The Welland campus has no alternative way of powering the school except by an emergency standby generator which is used only to provide a sufficient amount of lighting should the building need to be evacuated and to operate the boiler to supply heat for a short period of time.

Hydro workers plan to walk off the job province-wide April 1 in hopes of improving wages, hours of work, pension contributions and job security.

Ontario Hydro's stations in the Niagara region can expect 340 workers from the plants in Niagara Falls, Queenston, Allanburg, St. Catharines and Beamsville to participate in the walkouts.

The workers, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1000, had three weeks to reach a settlement with Ontario Hydro before holding a vote Wednesday placing the workers in a legal strike position as of April 1.

Can't wait!

Little Brian Trainor, 2, is not the only person waiting for Spring with great anticipation. Last week's warm weather lured him to take out his tricycle from the garage where it has been accumulating dust since the fall. It is only a matter of days now before the warm days which we are all waiting for, arrive. Photo by Bome Matshaba

Letters to the Editor

Support donor clinic, attend Life Day today

Dear Editor:

A note of thanks to the SAC Staff and Niagara News reporters who worked so earnestly to promote the twice cancelled Corpsuckle Cup Competition at Niagara College this calendar year.

I know Jan Potton, along with many other dedicated volunteers, felt discouraged by the unfortunate turn of events which caused the cancellation of the highly successful Blood Donor Clinic, but all is not wasted if we can entice some of those interested donors to support the **MARCH 30** clinic at the Father Fogarty Campus of Notre Dame College School.

Their first annual Life Day is being attended by Rocky DiPietro, Miss Teen Canada and the vibrant ND cheerleaders, ranked third in All-Ontario Competition.

I hope you are also aware of the three-year funding agreement by the government, through the Canadian Blood Committee, for a national unrelated bone marrow donor registry.

We will also be collecting the names of all interested donors, hoping to reach a goal of 7,000 names over the next three years, to the National Registry. Please plan to attend 380 Clare Ave. between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Friday, March 30, and **bring a friend, for life!**

Many thanks,
Linda S. Goss
Branch Manager
& Clinic Organizer
(735-7422)

Thanks for the memories

Dear Editor:

I'd like to thank all who were responsible for the success of our retirement party on March 24 at the Ramada Hotel, Niagara Falls.

I was pleasantly surprised by the attendance, the kind remarks which I believe were sincere, and how well it was organized.

I enjoyed my 22 years at the college, but I'm enjoying my retirement more.

I also want to thank Scott Tracey for the write-up on Feb. 2. Excellent job, Scott!!!

Ed Thompson

Fond adieu to Mrs. Blue

Dear Editor:

Since this will be the last edition for second-year journalism students at Niagara College this year, I would like to take this opportunity, on their behalf, to bid Barbara Blue, managing editor for Niagara News, farewell.

Throughout the years she has been partially responsible for producing many of Ontario's finest journalists and it will be difficult to find someone with her talent.

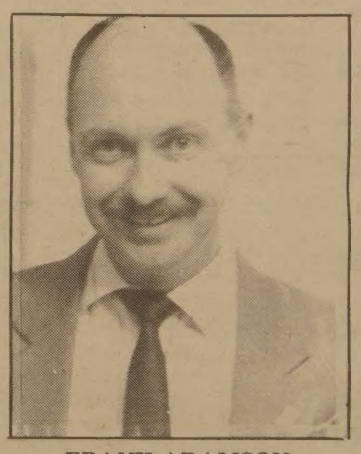
I would just like to personally say that she has set a fine example for us to follow in our careers in journalism.

I need not say she will be missed at Niagara College. Good luck in all your future endeavors, Mrs. Blue. We love you.

Sincerely
Paula Ritz
Second-Year Journalism student

Adamson seeks cures for health problems

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer



FRANK ADAMSON

Frank Adamson of Niagara College is chairman of a special provincial committee seeking solutions to health care problems in the Niagara Region.

Mr. Adamson, chairman of the Niagara District Health Council, was seconded by the Ministry of Health at the beginning of this terms to head the special council task force.

It is trying to find alternatives to hospital care in these days of bed shortages and spiralling costs. It is seeking to answer such questions as the most efficient use of resources, where cuts or additions should be made, who should get chronic care, and who home care.

While he is in this position, the Ministry of Health pays his fees and the college hires someone to fill his position as co-ordinator of ambulance and emergency care.

His replacement is Jim Fischer, who filled in for Mr. Adamson when he was on sabbatical two years ago. Mr. Adamson said the administration at the college is very comfortable with his leave.

NO NEW BEDS

"Basically, in 1987, 147 beds were promised in the region for the elderly but since then the Premier's council (on health strategy) decided they will not have any new beds," Mr. Adamson said.

When Elinor Caplan, Minister of Health, visited Brock University in January, she was criticized for not going ahead with providing new beds. The minister said there will probably be no new bids but committed the money to health care in hopes of resolving problems in the health care field.

Even if the ministry did provide new beds, it does not have the money to staff them, Mr. Adamson said. There are no operating dollars.

The task force is looking at the spending of the alotted funds, and hopes to keep people out of the hospitals longer, Mr. Adamson said.

SUB-STANDARD

There are 71 patients in St. Catharines General Hospital in really sub-standard conditions, Mr. Adamson said. There was a motion three years ago to move them to Shaver Hospital but that never happened.

The task force is trying to find temporary housing for them.

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Chong Kim, representative of Kimcor Group which looks after the interests of several Korean companies in Ontario, hands a $1,000 cheque to Jacqueline Robarts, college president, a contribution to the Hospitality and Tourism Fund Raising Campaign. Also at the presentation in the college boardroom last Friday was Choon Ho Lee, left, and Roy Brunner, far right.

Photo by Bome Matshaba

College's potential interests Koreans

Niagara College's location within the Niagara Region offers an ideal place for Korean students to study, Chong Kim, representative of Kimcor Group, said Friday.

Speaking after handing Jacqueline Robarts, college president, a $1,000 cheque, Mr. Kim said the contribution was the beginning of a long fruitful relationship between Niagara College and Korean companies in the region.

Miss Robarts expressed appreciation for the money which will go to the Tourism and Hospitality Centre Fund Raising Campaign.

Mr. Kim said he hopes to sign an agreement with the college which will enable Korean students to come and study here. "Priority will be given to the betterment of their English language usage and to give them a broad perspective of the world. This could be achieved by short term intensive English courses or regular college courses."

The courses he is most interested in are business management, computer programming, horticulture and tourism-oriented programs "which Niagara College has facilities and better staff for."

Kimcor Group looks after the interests of several Korean corporations in Ontario. Mr. Kim said the companies are interested in the Niagara Peninsula because of its great business potential and proximity to the United States market "which we want to be part of."

Also at the presentation were Hugo Bessems, Niagara College's International Student Liaison officer; Choon Ho Lee who was accompanying Mr. Kim; and Roy Brunner, general manager of Welland Business Development Centre which is a sub agent of Canada Employment Centre.

Buy banner, fund Centre

Banners bearing the name of the college and Student Administrative Council will be displayed at different locations at all campuses next week.

The banners will be on sale for the whole week for $1 each. Jack Lazoren, a business sales student, said money raised will be used to purchase a 28-inch color television for the Student Centre.

Jack said the purpose of having banners is an effort to improve the college image and reputation. The college lacks the reputation enjoyed by other college and universities.

"I really hope people will show pride in their school and purchase the banners," he said.

The project will run over a four-year period and proceeds from the sales will be used to purchase different items for the Student Centre.

College accepts parking increase

By SCOTT TRACEY
Staff Writer

An increase in parking fees has been accepted in principle by the senior administration of Niagara College, Hans van der Slagt, vice president of administration, said.

"The increase has been proposed, reviewed, and accepted at this stage," Mr. van der Slagt said. The amount of the increase will be reviewed at a meeting during the second week of April.

A report from the college budget committee suggests parking for staff be raised $10 to $70, and, for students, $5 more than the present $40 fee, though this increase has not been confirmed.

Paid parking was instituted at Niagara College last September to generate "badly needed revenue," Mr. van der Slagt said.

In September, he said the parking fee would be subject to an annual review.

LOW RATE

"I think there'll be some complaints," Mr. van der Slagt said. "All colleges, except for a handful of maybe three of four, pay for parking and our rate is among the lowest in the system."

He said coin machines have to be purchased for the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls campuses so paid daily parking can be implemented. "That will chew up a fair portion of the parking revenue."

Income from parking fees will also be spent on recurring expenses such as paying the college's parking officers, snow removal, and maintenance of parking lots.

Overall, Mr. van der Slagt said he is "very happy" with the paid parking policy.

Spring ahead Sunday, it's no April Fool

Don't forget to set those clocks ahead an hour Sunday.(No, this is not an April Fools' hoax.)

April 1 we're back on Daylight Saving Time again, so 2 a.m. Sunday morning officially becomes 3 a.m. Sunday morning, and you'll lose an hour's sleep. Not to worry though — that hour will be returned to you in the fall.

If you forget to "spring ahead," you'll probably be at least an hour late for school Monday morning, but if you've read this you might remember why.

Administration review smoking, paid parking

Niagara College's administration will review the paid parking and no-smoking policies to ensure that both are kept fair for the next academic year, Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administration, said.

"We'll continue to review the (parking) fees to make sure they're fair," Mr. van der Slagt said. "The smoking policy will be reviewed in April or May and we'll examine some concerns."

Mr. van der Slagt said he is optimistic problems with the smoking policy will be cleared up. "We looked at other systems (to control smoking)," he said. "We don't think that with the climate of wisdom and knowledge that people will be careless with smoking."

The systems looked at included a smoking officer to ensure everyone obeys the smoking rules, but the college has decided on "no formal system of punishment."

Though Mr. van der Slagt feels the policy has been "relatively well accepted," he is concerned with people smoking in the vestibules between main doors and in washrooms. "It is difficult for smokers to go outside in the winter. I appreciate that."

"The students have asked that the college make some part of the (Student) Centre for smoking," Mr. van der Slagt said. A smoking area was drawn in on the plans for the centre, but Mr. van der Slagt said the college administration has not decided whether or not to go ahead with these plans. "A designated smoking area is a very costly proposition" because of the need for proper ventilation and things like that.

"It's been inevitable," Mr. van der Slagt said of the decision to ban smoking inside college buildings. "It's something society has come to expect."

He said the feedback received has been mostly positive. "People are pleased that the air is much cleaner. It's benefited the health of the entire college population."

Board of Governors:

Collective bargaining ineffective, try central

Further exploration of the central bargaining process is needed before local bargaining can be considered, the Board of Governors decided March 22.

In a unanimous motion, the board decided that "the current bargaining process is not working satisfactorily to the benefit of the college system, and before we can consider local bargaining, further exploration of the central bargaining process is required to address the major difficulties."

Ontario college presidents decided in February they were in favor of moving part of the bargaining process to the individual colleges. Each college's Board of Governors was to decide if they were in favor of local bargaining by the end of March.

The Minister of Colleges and Universities, Sean Conway, met with college presidents Jan. 22 and agreed that the current collective bargaining process needed to be improved.

College presidents want the shift to local bargaining to be accomplished through a two-tiered system, allowing each college to deal more effectively with some of its own unique issues. A study commissioned by the ministry supports the two-tiered approach. Some issues would still be handled centrally, while others would be handled locally.

In an effort to improve the current collective bargaining process, Niagara's board would like to see a permanent management negotiating team.

The council of college presidents is also in favor of having a professional bargainer. The council is trying to set up an employer association to discuss parameters for collective bargaining, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. This association would include a professional bargainer, something college management has not had on its side up to this point.

Internal members get full vote

Internal members of Niagara College's Board of Governors finally have full voting privileges, effective with the March 22 board meeting.

"It was a little bit late in coming," Dave Abraham, faculty member, said. "It's something that was promised all along. It was assumed this would be in place in January."

Niagara's board had allowed internal board members to vote at committee meetings in the past, but not at full board meetings.

Editorials

Anticipate spring

What greenhouse effect?

With the month of April fast approaching, most people are eagerly anticipating the long-awaited return of spring-like weather. This long bitter cold winter has given rise to an interesting question: what happened to the green house effect?

Since mid-October frigid temperatures and bone-chilling winds have blasted the region. And although this winter season failed to produce much in the way of snow , the deep freeze during the past six months is more than most of us can bare.

There were no bikinis, palm trees, or water-skiing to relish in this winter. College students who had planned on heading south in an effort to escape the biting frigidity were left out in the cold due to the faculty strike last fall. This lack of a winter reprieve has made for a long wearisome season.

Those who hibernate during the winter months are no doubt growing more and more anxious for more seasonable temperatures to come into effect. But they'll have to keep waiting as spring-like weather is not on the horizon.

Rino Frado

Handicapped parking

Not meant for able-bodied

Evidence is everywhere, not only in the school parking lot but in all the malls, supermarkets, libraries and drug stores throughout the city — able-bodied people parking in handicapped spots.

Everyone has probably contemplated the idea of parking in these spots, on those bitterly cold, rainy and miserable nights when all they're doing is running into the store to grab a little something. What harm is there if it's only going to be a quick stop?

This is an outrage. These parking spots have been specifically designated for people who need to be close to entrances and exits of buildings.

Illegally parked cars in handicapped spots are rarely ticketted. They must be.

Stop a minute and think about the little old lady with the walker, the young man in the wheelchair or the woman with the artificial limb.

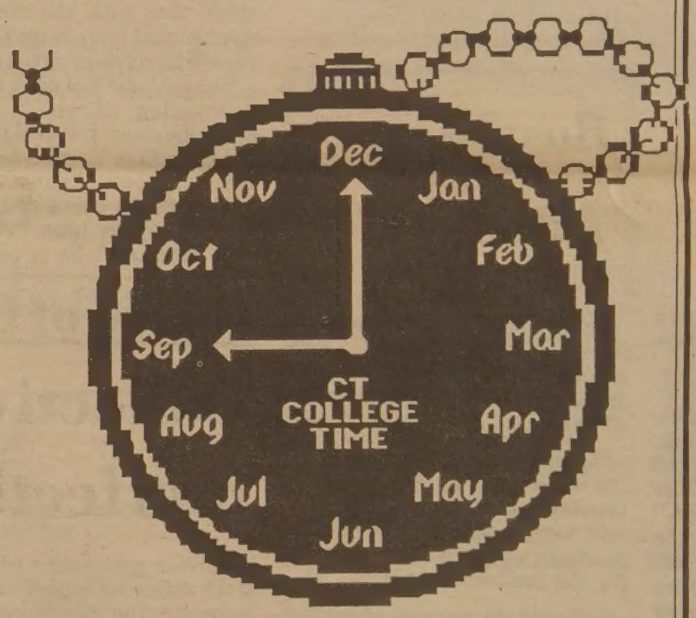
People take walking with ease for granted. Some people are not so lucky.

People who park in handicapped spots might think they are making their lives easier, but they are creating obstacle courses for individuals who really need the assistance.

Alison Olsen

College clock ticks faster

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer



Want to make time fly? Here's a sure-fire way to do it: just go to Niagara College for a few years.

Your years at college will zing by you like bullets from a gun, and when your years at college are over, they won't seem like "years" at all. Those years will seem to have been more like months, or in my case, more like weeks.

If your college experience only accomplishes one thing, it will be this: your perception of time will be totally changed.

No one seems to know why the hands of the clock revolve so quickly at the college, but almost everyone here has the same lament: "Where does the time go?"

In a few days, it will be time to leave Niagara College for a month's placement in the real world of journalism. Was it really a year ago last September that this course began? That's impossible.

It seems like yesterday that we arrived here. Yet four terms have streaked by since then, and it will all be over before we know it. My calendar says that almost two years have passed — my brain refuses to believe it.

Things happen so fast around here that "next week" becomes "last week," and there isn't even time to figure out why! The only memory I've been able to retain from this place so far is that everything went by in a blur.

I may have accomplished a few of the things I came here to accomplish such a short time ago. I might even tally up the score of things accomplished, but I haven't the time left to do it anyway.

I faintly recall that the two-year Journalism-Print program I enrolled in seemed to stretch off into the distant future when I started in September 1988. Yet that future has been transformed into the past already.

Contemplating that swift passage of time accomplishes one thing. It makes my head spin.

Does one enter into another time-space dimension when college begins? The subject warrants investigation. How else could these two years have passed me by?

Or maybe the passage of time here has something to do with that old saying: "Time flies when you're having fun." It's been fun, but there's more to college than fun (although this may come as a surprise to many).

In addition to fun, college is a great deal of hard work. Hardwork is always time-consuming, but if it's work you enjoy, and if you're learning something, the time speeds up a notch or two.

I guess that's the way college is supposed to work for you, if it's working well. College is a race. (That helps explain the time thing!) It's a race in which if you're not among the leaders, you're lapped before you know it.

The backmarkers soon pull off the track here — their college days are over even sooner than the ones who get to the end of the race. But then life seems to be a race much of the time, doesn't it? The college race is just a short, intense sprint.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not complaining about how fast this has all gone by. I just wish I could remember more of this race that's almost over.

Looking back over these last four college terms (Yes, there were four of them because I'm in the fourth one now.), it's obvious that the time has gone somewhere. It must have flown by.

And now college is almost over — there are only days to go. Now there's a concept — a "day." Is that an even shorter element of time than a week? How could a college student grasp such a thing? And you say there are "hours" and "minutes" and "seconds," too?

Maybe when college is over these tiny increments of time will mean something again. But first I need some time to figure out where the "years" went.

Idle wheel

Spring is coming soon and wheels will be in motion for a lot of farm equipment. This wheel was once an integral part of a mower used to cut down hay fields and tall grasses. Not used anymore, it has been replaced by stockchoppers.

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FOCUS

While there was some fighting between the soldiers and the children, Samer, this little child of five years old, was outside his house and an Isreali soldier hit him very hard on the head with his rifle so that it fractured his skull.

I was at home when the children started to throw stones at the occupying soldiers. So I went downstairs to call my brother in from the street. And he was throwing stones and I was calling him, and then the soldiers started to aim and she was shot in the leg, then taken to a clinic and treated there and then moved to Al Ittihad Hospital.

Sketches by Heather Spears

Artist sketches pain of children of Intifada

By BRUCE CULP
Staff Writer

Amid the broken bodies of children in the stark hospitals of the Israeli-occupied territories, artist and poet Heather Spears has recorded the story of the children without a land.

In a slide show at Brock University Monday night, the Canadian artist presented a gripping account of the hurting children of the Intifada.

The Intifada, or the uprising by the Palestinian people, is aimed at breaking Israeli hegemony in the occupied territories. It is a revolt for self-rule. It has caused a great deal of pain, yet still a lot of hope.

Since the uprising began Dec. 9, 1987, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip have been pitched war zones. Hundreds of Palestinians, many of them children, have died in violence, and thousands more have been injured. Israeli patrols rumble up the dusty streets with impunity, breaking down doors, brandishing M-16s and shooting plastic dum-dum bullets at everything that moves.

Martyrs

"There is no such thing as a frontline," Mrs. Spears said."They can hurt Palestinians right in front of their homes. The presence of the military is always there."

She told of a three-year-old girl pistol-whipped with a rifle and left for dead in the street. Her crime: holding a handful of stones. Another young boy had his genitals beaten for throwing rocks at the marauding band of soldiers. Other victims lie comatose or paralyzed in hospital rooms.

"I think the one thing I can do is to make the Palestinians a people," she said. "These are independant people and they have s story. I want to humanize them."

Mrs. Spears' illustrations hit right on target. Haunting eyes peer out from hospital beds: torn faces of children who have seen enough anguish in their short lives to last a life time. A meek victory sign is a gesture of defiance, a symbol of a people who will overcome.

Sketching feverishly with soft pencils and a little chalk, even at times drawing on envelopes, Mrs. Spears has captured moments in the history of a people. It is the story of the children who will die "martyrs" for their independence.

"They want to be an independent state beside Israel," she said. "The Palestinians are armed, but they do not rise up violently against the soldiers." She said this would be ample justification for the army to go in and mop up.

"Thirty thousand kids have been hurt since the beginning of the Intifada." Mrs. Spears said that number would have to be multiplied by 14 in Canada to show the scope of the violence. "Ten thousand children have been jailed" as well.

The Shababa, Palestinian youths who throw stones, began a course of civil disobedience not long after the eruption of the uprising two years ago. "There has always been a low-key Intifada," Mrs. Spears said. Ever since the Israeli occupation occurred 22 years ago, the territories have been fenced off areas where Arab has suspiciously eyed Jew.

"The best they can do is to publicize the injustice," she said of the stone-throwers. Mrs. Spears wants to dispel any rumor that the stone-throwers are under orders from Yasser Arafat, international leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization. She said the uprising has been a spontaneous revolt.

Mrs. Spears' journey to the occupied territories began a couple of years ago. She did not always have a great love for the Palestinian people. Married to a Jewish man and living in Denmark, Mrs. Spears said she was prejudiced against Palestinians. But a refugee ship steaming into Copenhagen changed her life.

Faith

Mrs. Spears sipped tea and drew images of the people from the creaky ship. After a while she read poetry with them; she learned Arabic and fell in love with the people. Receiving a $500 grant from a church group, Mrs. Spears left for the territories in January of 1989. From January to March she visited the hospitals of the occupied territories. She produced 300 sketches while in the country.

When the stones and Molotov Cocktails proved too much, Israeli authorities closed down Palestinian schools as a collective punishment for Intifada, she said. Because all schools were considered training grounds for young militants, even kindergarten was shut down. Much worse, children could be arrested for studying even in their own homes. Mrs. Spears calls a government that denies a whole generation of people access to education criminal.

Only last year, PLO spokesman Yasser Arafat accepted the right for Israel to exist. "I found it was very buoyant and very hopeful when I was there a year ago." Since that time negotiations have stalled. More radical Palestinians see the move as a sell-out.

"I have great faith in those kids and I think they will make it," the artist said. "I am very opimistic...maybe I am naive. But I think they will get what they want.

Will the shooting of children end?

"The only thing that is hopeful is that there are a lot of Israelis who are against it." She said there are many soldiers who now lay down their arms and refuse to fight.

She believes that both peoples can live together without violence. "They have lived together in the past for thousands of years and there is no reason why they can't live together now." A dialogue can only help.

A crumpled form under a lumpy hospital blanket offered a look into the future. It was an 11-year-old boy who had been almost beaten to death. He did not speak, but scribbled a quick verse.

"From the stone we will learn to be hard. From the dove we will learn to be soft. From the olive tree we learn endurance, and from the valley we will learn depth.

If the Palestinians get their independence, it will be a land of poets.

$100 goes to disabled boy

Several students and staff in the Educational Resources and Special Needs program pooled about $100 in a couple of days to donate to Peter Goyak's fight to walk again.

Peter is a nine-year-old Port Colborne boy who was the first person in Canada and the second person in the world to receive experimental treatments for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy last February.

Debbie Lagace, second-year ERSN student at the college, organized a fast donation for Peter's family. "Our program is always making donations, so we did it in a couple of days and came up with about $100," Debbie said.

Peter's treatments, Myoblast Transplant, are in Memphis, Tennessee, and he must return there for one week every month for three months or more. Without treatment, Duchenne MD will cripple and can kill its victim by age 20.

The initial treatment needed a muscle biopsy taken from a relative. Peter's older brother, Christian, donated one gram of muscle from his right thigh. The cultured muscle was injected into Peter, and with time and hope, Peter's muscles will produce their own dystrophin protein and function normally.

Because these treatments are experimental, the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada does not help with the costs. The Goyaks have to pay for their own transportation and motel accommodation while in Tennessee. The treatments are free.

Three students to do income tax

Three Niagara accounting students are offering to do income tax for people at the college.

For about $20, Marvin Mimms, John McDonald and Jeff Warwick will tap the data into their computer and have it ready for Revenue Canada within three or four days.

Special rates are offered to students who don't have the time, or just simply don't want to fill out the forms.

If you found a coupon under your car's windshield wiper you are entitled to $5 off the regular price. If you don't have a coupon but are a student, you're still entitled to the $15 rate.

"Anywhere else and you would end up paying at least 30 bucks," Jeff said.

The information students require is their T4 slip(s), T2200 education slip and the amount, if any, they received from an OSAP grant, Jeff said.

ONLY A FEW

To their surprise, only about 10 to 15 students have asked them to do their income tax for them.

"Their usual line is 'someone else is doing it for me,' " John said.

Since January, the three students have made about $1,300; they made $400 in the first week and about $900 during the next three. They are hoping for a profit of $2,000 before May 11 so they can start their own business.

All three did this type of thing individually last year and decided to make it a joint effort this year "and pool our resources together."

Marvin said he couldn't believe the amount people paid in taxes when they went to other firms; their firm, which they call Mimms McDonald Warwick, offers to teach customers income tax strategies for future years.

TO HELP

Marvin describes himself as the "people person;" John says he is the motivator; and Jeff is characterized as the "tax specialist." All agreed that they weren't in the business only for the money, but also to help people save money.

JOHN McDONALD MARVIN MIMMS JEFF WARWICK

Today, the three are running five businesses in which they complete financial statements, payrolls and cash flow records for companies around the peninsula.

All three attributed their success to the Niagara College accounting course they have been taking for three years.

Beginning May 11, their firm will be open year round providing information to small businesses.

Anyone interested may contact Marvin in Niagara Falls at 354-0060, John in St. Catharines at 646-5517, or Jeff also in St. Catharines at 646-1360 after school hours.

Tech eases teaching

With today's technology there is more than one way to teach students, Linda Richardson, French teacher at Niagara College, learned at the University of Ottawa in February.

Radios, televisions, telephones, conference calls, copywriting and video and audio cassettes enabled her to communicate with students in cities such as Sudbury, and Peterborough, and even with Africa.

However, the program is only offered in French, Madame Richardson said.

With proper guidance and instruction, teachers can learn new teaching methods and put them to use without having to be in the same classroom as the students, Madame Richardson said.

Using the telephone was one of the techniques that "frightened" her the most. The reason is that she is a visual teacher and needs to see expressions on her students' faces.

"I was really nervous, but I think the second time will be better."

It wasn't the teaching that scared her, but the "be-belle", or, in English, the gadgets she had to use to make the machinery work properly.

"When you're giving lessons you can't see any feedback, but you can hear it...it's different because I'm used to seeing students' reactions that tell you if they understand or not."

Madame Richardson, who has been teaching at Niagara College since 1986, said this new teaching technique will save people time and money.

Instead of travelling to Pembroke to teach one class, she could save herself a trip and a few dollars by using the telephone.

With the central hook-up being in Ottawa, she would be able to teach a group in Pembroke from her office at Niagara College by simply picking up her telephone and connecting lines with Ottawa.

"It's like Bell Canada; it has a major line that joins with all the cities. I even heard a person from Africa," she said.

"Mothers who have to stay home from school for a day could use the telephone technique and not miss a thing."

Madame Richardson was also taught how to teach students on an electronic blackboard, using a special television screen.

Eric Nagler entertains Welland children

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

Children of all ages were given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make all the noise they wanted Sunday at Centennial High School, Welland.

The man responsible for all that ruckus was Eric Nagler from the Elephant Show, televised on TV Ontario.

Children brought spoons, bells, drums and rattles to help Eric and his band during the choruses. Those who forgot to bring a musical instrument were given spoons, and those who were still left with nothing simply clapped their hands.

"How-Do-Ya-Do?" sang Eric as he placed his banjo over his shoulder and began to introduce his band.

Evelyn joined Eric, playing the piano, Lorna played the drums and Henry worked his bass.

Most of Eric's songs contained simple messages that every child understood.

Songs like Milk Cow, My Mom Says She's Super Mom, and the all-time favorite, Skinamarink, grabbed the children's attention and made the $7 ticket seem worthwhile for every parent.

Every child identified with one song, It's Just Not Fair. As Eric screamed and whined and threw a temper tantrum on stage, the whole audience laughed with understanding.

The children were fascinated with some of Eric's own musical inventions.

From a washing machine agitator hooked up to bathroom pipes he made sounds like those of a trombone. He called this instrument his sewer phone. Eric plucked a few tunes on his comb wrapped in tissue.

Near the end of his performance, Eric took his home-made bass and asked a boy from the audience to join him on stage to play the old bathtub beats; children with the spoons joined in.

After entertaining the children for almost two hours, Eric bade them farewell and promised he would return one day. The children squealed their delight and clapped.

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Ryerson BA degree program at Niagara College

By JENNIFER HUGGINS
Staff Writer

College-level trained social service workers will be able to earn their bachelor's degrees right here at Niagara College when Ryerson Polytechnical Institute sets up a satellite campus this fall.

Lynn Bird, and instructor in the social service worker program, said Ryerson will operate the program here at the college but it will be their program, taught by their staff using Niagara's facilities.

On an impulse during January and February of last year, the strong alumni organization of the Niagara social service worker program decided they would like to use their diplomas to go on to university and get their BSW.

Ryerson showed a positive response. Brock University doesn't have the program, McMaster is a long way away and Niagara University is in the United States.

After many meetings, telephone calls and ironing out the details of getting the program, the whole thing "came to fruition," Mrs. Bird said.

March 19, 1990, all the social service worker staff of the college, more than 100 alumni and Jacqueline Robarts, college president, went to a meeting to hear representatives of Ryerson tell what they had to offer to the college.

TWO FOR ONE

Through the program, students are eligible for several exemptions, including a "two-for-one" idea where students who have completed the two-year program at Niagara can enter right into the second year of the bachelor's program. As the program will be part time, the final written exam has been done away with. Through negotiations, it was decided that some liberal arts classes can be done at Brock and McMaster so that students can get some classes under their belts, Mrs. Bird said.Because the course is part-time, it may take as long as six years for students to complete.

So far there are 60 people interested in enrolling.

No matter how it seems, Mrs. Bird said, "It is important that people don't feel they have to have a BSW." She said it is good for employment purposes but it is not necessary to have one to get a job in social work.

Mrs. Bird said there is an overlap in this area where college level grads do the work that BSWs would do, and BSWs do work that MSWs would do, so in order to get past that certain point, it is good to have a bachelor's degree.

SOCIAL SERVICE ONLY

Not just anyone can enter the program. It is designed specifically for graduates of social service worker programs. Even though grads from other colleges can get direct entry, they can't be from programs like early childhood education.

"This program is for our graduates alone because they already have the building blocks," Mrs. Bird said.

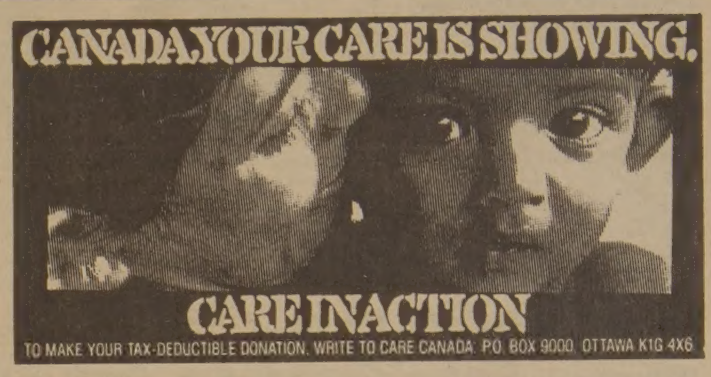
She said the program will appeal to people in senior positions in social work who want to enhance their career possibilities and is more likely to attract people with a couple of years of experience.

The college will also benefit from the venture. Mrs. Bird said there are "all kinds of pluses in it."

It is also a first for the college under the Vision 2000 project which involves credit transfer from college to university.

"It's happening and it's good," Mrs. Bird said. "This is a great thing for Jackie Robarts to go out on. It's a feather in her cap." She said the college president is very enthusiastic about the new program.

It was also a good thing to happen just as Fred Habermehl, executive dean, is retiring. "It's nice for him to know these things are happening," she said.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Complaint procedure wrong

The complaints procedure written in the Student Handbook which requires students to complain about their teacher to another teacher is unprofessional, vice-president of academic affairs Dr. Anthony Knowles said.

"The handbook procedure is wrong and unprofessional," he said. "There has been a lot of confusion among students as to the correct process to follow regarding their complaints. It is important that they should know the correct procedure, first to correct the error and secondly to reflect the new organizational changes which have since been introduced."

Complaints related to academic studies or instructions should first be discussed with the professor involved. If that fails, instead of taking them to the program coordinator as the Student Handbook says, the problem should be discussed with the director of the division concerned. And if the director is unable to resolve it, then it can be referred to the vice-president, academic.

"Obviously we hope there are few complaints and we also hope that they can be resolved by students and their teachers."

Dr. Knowles said the vice-president will then convene a meeting of everyone involved to resolve the issue. The decision of the vice-president, academic, may be appealed to the president of the college whose decision will be final.

Complaints related to student services, registration or other services should follow the same course.

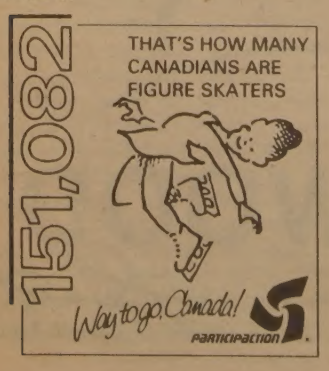

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Photo by Lisa Choma

Career services needs successful students

Fifteen students who are academically successful, well organized and willing to help other students develop marketable skills should apply "now — as soon as possible" to career services.

Morris Bosey, co-ordinator of counselling, said students should apply now so that training and placement can be arranged before students leave for the summer. The peer adviser program is good for second-year students to get some experience, he said.

"It would look good on a resume when you are applying for a job. I could give extra recommendation to those people who worked as peer advisers."

It is a program of students helping students. Students from all programs can apply. "I would like to have business students helping business students," Mr. Bosey said.

Students should at least have a recommendation from one teacher.

SUPPORT SYSTEM

Mr. Bosey said peer advisers would be required to provide a support system for new students during the first weeks of the college experience and make first-year students aware of the college counselling services: the availability of career counselling, personal counselling and teaching skills.

Peer advisers will get involved in various campus activities and organizations. They will maintain a connection with the information desk to assist and direct first-year students and prospective students.

Mr. Bosey said last fall a decision was made to have second-year students apply as peer advisers.

They will work at least five hours a week at $5.50 an hour. Those interested should apply as soon as possible. Application forms are available at the counselling centre in the Merritt building and the career library in the Learning Resource Centre.

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Special needs help learning disabilities

PITCH IN

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

Almost two per cent of Niagara students have registered for help with "learning disabilities," but the Special Needs office feels there may be more who need help

The term "learning disabilities" is frequently misunderstood, Genny Weerdenburg, special needs counsellor, said. It does not mean retarded.

Not at all. She was referring to three conditions — dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia — which interfere with learning. But the Special Needs office can help, and encourages students to visit it.

Though five to 10 per cent of the population at large may be suffering from these conditions, just under two percent of Niagara's student body have registered with the office. "They may have their own strategies and, if they feel comfortable, they don't need us," Mrs. Weerdenburg said.

Dyslexia can take many forms but it is essentially a reading problem. People may have "poor phonics," trouble associating letters and sounds. They may take words like "for" and read them as "from"; they tend to skip words and sometimes miss whole lines.

WITH SENTENCES

The person with dysgraphia may also have difficulty relating two sentences; he focuses on the centre parts of the paper and can't see the whole picture. The disability also affects his mechanics; for instance, he may have run-on sentences, and it may affect his sentence structure, meaning his punctuation. He may also have trouble copying notes from the blackboard.

Dyscalculia is the inability to comprehend mathematics.

Dyslexia can also affect spelling and speaking, Mrs. Weerdenburg said. With spelling the person reverses what he actually sees on the paper: "probably" to "propadly" — "they either drop a letter or add a letter," she said. The disability tears words or letters out of sequence: "merry" to "meery."

"Everyone has problems with their spelling but those with learning disabilities can be taught over and over again and still not spell it right," Mrs. Weerdenburg said.

Speaking aloud becomes laborious for a person who is affected by a speaking disability: he panics and freezes when asked to read something in front of others. He usually has a hard time getting his point across on the first try, Mrs. Weerdenburg said, which often becomes frustrating.

Although there are many characteristics with these learning disabilities, Mrs. Weerdenburg said a person need not have every one of them to be diagnosed.

OFFERS HELP

"They may only have one or two of these characteristics, but we still recommend they come to us for suggestions."

For dyslexia, it offers tape-recorded lectures and requests oral examinations; for dysgraphia, note-takers are recommended and the college pays for the student's services.

Mrs. Weerdenburg, who does supplementary tutoring and diagnostic testing herself, said when she makes recommendations to students who have a learning disability, they often feel as if they are being centred out.

But she assures them: "I tell them school's not a race ... it's okay to take more time than others to complete a test — or whatever the case may be — if it's for their education."

Mrs. Weerdenburg encourages students to just come in and talk, or even have a diagnostic test, which takes two or three hours to complete.

"If their school careers depend on it, why not?"

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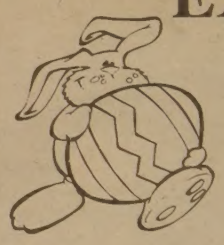

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Business mentors give 'real world' training

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

Feedback from Welland businesses and Niagara College marketing students concerning The Mentor program — a new project which gives students experience in the real working world — has been "overwhelming," Larry Cote, co-ordinator of business administration and marketing management, said.

Since January, second-year marketing students have been meeting with business people they chose to be their mentors. In return, the mentors discuss with the students such topics as the position they hold in the business world, exactly how they arrived where they are today, and business terminology.

"Dealing with real business people who use the real language of business, students are able to confirm what the real world is all about," Mr. Cote said.

The program, prepared jointly by Mr. Cote and his 25 second-year marketing students, was initiated by Mr. Cote himself and the program's advisory committee at the beginning of the students' fourth term.

FIRST HAND

The Mentor program's aim is to "allow marketing students to enjoy the benefits of seeing firsthand their classroom-based exercises being practised on a daily basis, without the constraints of classroom walls," a news release said.

"Meeting these business people is establishing a network — a network meaning business contacts — for the students," Mr. Cote said.

Mr. Cote was pleased to discover that he had more mentors than he actually did students.

In the news release, he said it was a "delightful problem to have, and reassuring to know" that so many busy people in the community were willing to lend a helping hand.

The mentors associated with the program came from a wide range of businesses in the community such as the YMCA, Tri-Media Marketing and Publicity Inc., Atlas Specialty Steels and Niagara Credit Union, just to name a few.

Vince Salfi, whose mentor is Dave Pastirick, manager of marketing development at Atlas Specialty Steels in Welland, considers it an "excellent program."

On his first interview with his mentor, Vince said they talked about Mr. Pastirick's position in the company and on his second visit he was given a tour of the plant.

Rob Skumeda, whose mentor is Roger Duquette, Canadian sales manager for Atlas Speciality Steels, said the feedback he received from his mentor relating to his questions was "great," and he wouldn't change a thing in their new program.

"Getting together is tough," Mr. Cote said. "Finding a convenient time to meet for both the student and the mentor is really difficult because both positions are time-consuming."

The students are to have four interviews per term, each an hour to two hours long.

Dave Smith, whose mentor is Mary Pfilf, personnel manager for Lubrizol Canada, commented, "With this program we can teach ourselves or ask if we're not sure. We can set up appointments and find out the unanswered."

Each of Mr. Cote's students is required to keep a diary of the program for an end-of-the-year written report on their experience.

Mr. Cote and his students are planning to show their appreciation by inviting all the mentors who participated in the program to the college before the end of the school year.

"Perhaps at the same time, they could provide us with suggestions or comments for next year," Mr. Cote said.

Top designers aim clothes at fashion-conscious youth

By SCOTT TRACEY
Staff Writer

If the names Beaver Canoe, Ralph Lauren, and Cottonwood sound familiar to you, you are probably among a growing number of North American youth caught up in the latest craze — trendy clothing.

Clothing and accessories by these and other designers/companies are infesting the market and, despite incredibly high prices, are aimed primarily at the young consumer.

"I'd say 70 per cent of our clientele are in the 13 to 19 (age) range," Elaine Devin, who works at Beaver Canoe in Hamilton's Jackson Square, said. "A few months ago I sold a $1,400 leather jacket to a kid about 15 or 16."

Inferior

Why do people with only baby-sitting as a source of income spend large sums of money on clothes they don't need and can't really afford? Why should someone still trying to get the feel of high school pay more for a sweater than most people pay for an entire outfit?

"I think it's due to peer pressure," Debbie Rinaldo, of Barclay's in Hamilton's Lime Ridge Mall, said. "They want to fit in." Anyone not wearing the latest fashions is disregarded and treated as inferior. "This can be very upsetting to a young kid."

"When we first opened, kids from McDonald's used to come in here with their pay cheques and their whole cheque would go to buy one shirt," Miss Rinaldo said.

"I also work at a school and last year we had to share the school with some students from Ancaster," she said. "They had all the nice clothes and within a couple of weeks our kids started coming to school in Tretorn runners and Ralph Lauren shirts."

"School is like a fashion show," Deon Carlitz, 16, a Grade 11 student at Glendale Secondary School in Hamilton, said. "More and more people are wearing trendy clothes. They sit in class and read magazines like GQ (Gentlemen's Quarterly, a fashion magazine) and talk about clothes."

For the price of the merchandise, one would expect superior quality and workmanship. This is not always so.

Margaret Thomlinson, who came to Canada from Scotland said, "I remember making shirts when I worked in a factory in Scotland. All the shirts for the big companies went into one bin and the ones for the wee shops went into another. The popular labels were sewn on later."

While the shirts appear to be the same, the difference lies in the price. "You could probably buy a golf shirt in another store for about $10," Miss Rinaldo said. "That polo shirt (a specific line by Ralph Lauren) costs $50. They retain their shape and color longer, but you're also paying for the name."

Typical

This type of mark-up is typical of today's popular designers. A Beaver Canoe crest silkscreened onto a plain sweatshirt raises the cost of the sweatshirt by 200 per cent. A rubber Sperry logo glued to a tennis shoe raises the cost of the shoe by $30. A similar shoe carrying a Ralph Lauren logo costs $30 more than the Sperry shoe.

"It's ridiculous. I've seen her go out with $100 and come back with one sweater," said Ann Pearce about her 14-year-old daughter, Dorothy.

Some youngsters, however, have found a way around paying high prices. "Seventy-five bucks? You can get this in the States at the factory warehouse for $20," Craig Simpson, a 15-year-old patron at Grimsby's Dock Side, said, holding a Ralph Lauren button-down shirt.

Thankfully,as we reach our late teens and early 20s, the influence of our peers diminishes and we are able to wear the clothes we like. We no longer feel a pressure to buy certain clothes because we are expected to. If we buy pricey clothing, we buy it for ourselves. We are finally free of the burden of over-priced clothing. And then we have kids.

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Sports

Unbelievable margin

Bullets drill Badgers in charity game at Brock

By ALISON OLSEN
Staff Writer

The Brock University Badgers were obliterated by a visiting basketball team by an unbelievable score of 87 to 13 in the Brock gym last Friday as part of festivities for National Physiotherapy Week.

Game time was 7:30 p.m.; a crowd of more than 65 people waited for their beloved Badgers with eager anticipation.

There was only one hitch in their strategy, one snag that might prove detrimental.

The Badgers had to play the entire game in wheelchairs. This being something they had not experienced before, the Badgers hoped their basketball skills would surmount any obstacle.

The Niagara District Bullets, the region's own professional wheelchair basketball team, had agreed to play the university team to raise money for the Niagara District Physiotherapists Association.

National Physiotherapy Week was held last week, from district to district, in hopes of increasing public awareness of Niagara's 150 physiotherapists and to promote wellness, events co-ordinator Penny Branston said.

MANY EVENTS

Each district held events during the week at various hospitals. Niagara Falls held a Fun Run and St. Catharines gave muscle testing and wheelchair obstacle courses to their staff. The basketball game was the major event of the week.

Admission to the game was $3 for adults and $2 for children. More than $173 was raised. A physiotherapists' executive meeting later this month will decide where the money should be used.

Fun was had by all, except the Badgers. They may be top of the line when it comes to regular basketball, but sit them in a wheelchair and they become wriggling incompetents. Even their best players missed virtually every shot, ruined every breakaway and seemed to have butter on their hands when it came to simply catching the ball and holding on to it.

FINE FORM

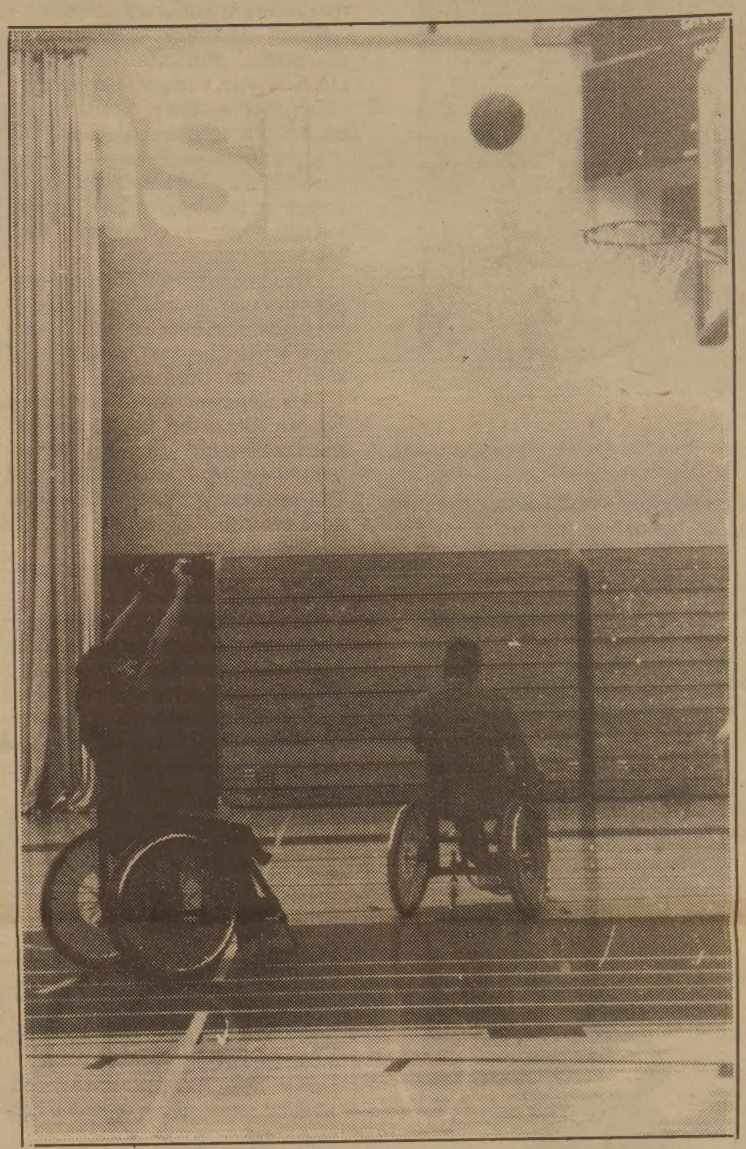
The Niagara Bullets, on the other hand, were in fine form, sinking baskets faster than the Badgers could count them.

The Badgers found that even their towering height and speed, playing sports in wheelchairs was no easy task.

One Badger team member complained to the referee that a Bullet team member must have a motor in his chair because he couldn't keep up with him.

Wheelchairs used by the Badgers were donated for the evening by Doncaster Medical Supplies in St. Catharines.

The Niagara District Physiotherapists Assocation hopes to organize a rematch next year.



Niagara District Bullets team member Andy Telford makes yet another basket during Friday's exciting game. The fun-for-all game was part of National Physiotherapy Week. The crowd of Badgers' fans cheered and bellowed at each basket they scored — even if it was only 13. Plans are under way for a re-match next year so the Brock Badgers have a second chance to regain their dignity.

Photo by Alison Olsen

An unfortunate member of the Brock University basketball team cringes after tumbling from a wheelchair during Friday's exciting match. The Badgers tried their best but were no match for a professional wheelchair basketball team. The final score was 87 to 13, the Niagara District Bullets winning by a landslide.

Photo by Alison Olsen

NCAA Final Four

Four teams to battle in Denver tournament

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

And then there were four.

The old maxim about March going out like a lamb may hold true anywhere but in Denver, where the NCAA final four semi-finals will be played out on the month's final day.

The 64 teams that received coveted invitations to the NCAA tournament have been whittled down to the Final Four, and now all eyes point west to Colorado.

Nevada's casinos are bemoaning the fact that UNLV's Runnin' Rebels are still in the hunt — state gambling authorities prohibit the gaming houses from taking action on any tournament games until after the Rebs have been ousted.

Things don't look good for the bookies on the Strip; their counterparts across the country in New Jersey have pegged the Jerry Tarkanian's Rebels as favorites to cut down the basket mesh at the end of the final.

In order to do so they must first get past Georgia Tech's Yellowjackets and then beat the winner of the Duke-Arkansas showdown in the final.

After compiling a 5-3 record in last week's predictions, the sports page of the Niagara News continues its public service to readers who may be travelling to Atlantic City in order to place a legal wager on the outcome of the tournament by forecasting the Final Four.

THE WEST

UNLV-Georgia Tech. Georgia Tech are making believers of people. They have downed Louisiana State and squeaked by Michigan State on the road to the Final Four, as underdogs on both occasions. UNLV pasted Loyola-Marymount in the regional semi-final 131-101. No Vegas line this year. Pick the Rebs.

THE EAST

Duke-Arkansas. Duke, like Georgia Tech, made it out of the oest conference in the land, the ACC. The Blue Devils have made the Final Four the last three years, and four of the last five. Arkansas beat the ACC's North Carolina before downing Texas in the regional final. Duke will carry the ACC colors all the way to the final. Take the Blue Devils.

THE FINAL

A Duke-UNLV final match-up has all the makings of a classic. Led by Cairo's Alaa Abdelnaby and Buffalo's Christian Laettner, Duke will have to neutralize the Runnin' Rebs unmatchable offensive power and solve their underrated defence. If Las Vegas controls the tempo, they win easy. If they don't it's a little tougher. Either way go with the Rebels — New Jersey is right this time.

Golf tourney May 12

A fourth annual Niagara Classic Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, May 12, at Riverview Downs Golf Country Club, Dianne Pearson, business sales student, said. There will also be a banquet.

The purpose of the tournament, whose logo is Swing into Spring, is to organize funds which will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. The tournament is organized by business sales students.

Dianne said last year business sales students donated more than $1,500 to the foundation; they intend to donate $1,800 this year.

There will be prizes for everyone and for people participating in the tournament.

Anyone who wants to buy tickets can contact Dianne and Tim Hedge, also a business sales student, at ME104.

Sports

Female Athlete of the Year and women's volleyball MVP receives her plaque from Jacqueline Robarts at the Athletic Awards banquet Wednesday.

Photo by John Blackwell

Coach Ray Sarkis (centre) presents the men's volleyball MVP co-winners Brian MacDonald (left), and Marc Sigouin (right).

Photo by John Blackwell

One more year of reign for athletes Leah, Jim

By SHEILA McBRAYNE
Staff Writer

Jim Darling and **Leah Kulas** reign for another year as male and female Athletes of the Year after the 21st Annual Athletic Banquet at Players 1 Wednesday night.

Leah, a second-year law and security student, won her college letter in volleyball, the MVP award for volleyball and the Athlete of Distinction award as well as her second female Athelete of the Year. "I'm glad I could make such a big contribution to the sports program," Leah said. "Even if we didn't win, I'm still proud of the team."

Jim, a third-year construction engineering technology architecture student, received the MVP award for hockey, and male Athlete of the Year for the second time. Jim was also chosen the All-Star goalie in the International Collegiate Hockey League. "I'm very pleased to accept the award and I'd like to say that I couldn't have done anything without the rest of the team," Jim said.

Jim and Leah were also given a special certificate of merit from Mayor Roland Hardy and the city of Welland.

Freshman Athletes of the Year were **Karri Goering**, women's volleyball, and **Chris Curry**, men's volleyball. Karri is a second-year law and security student who showed play and leadership skills during her first year on the team.

Chris is a first-year general college student from Niagara-on-the-Lake. "I feel honored to be at the top of the bottom of the pile," Karri said. "Even though we didn't win any games, we had the best spirit."

Marc Sigouin and **Brian McDonald**, both second year players from St. Catharines, were chosen as co-MVP's for the men's volleyball team. Both helped pull the team together during the fall strike.

Ten Athletes of Distinction awards were given to athletes who accumulated more than 40 points. Mr. Hardy and Jacqueline Robarts, college president, gave the honors to Leah Kulas, Brian McDonald, Marc Sigouin, Ken Bilodeau, Jim Ward, Mike Mooradian, Dan Reutz, Jim Denardi, Brian Rome and Brian Collins.

School letters were given to players for their respective sports teams. Letter winners from the hockey team were Ken Bilodeau, Dan Ruetz, Jim Denardi, Brian Rome and Brian Collins. Other letter winners were Mike Gage, Dave Morris, Norm Guay, golf; Sherry Cassibo and Ginette Thivierge, tennis; Cindy Evans and Kris Gowdy, curling; Marc Sigouin and Brian McDonald, men's volleyball; and Leah, women's volleyball.

The intramural awards, sponsored by Labatts, were given to Pat Ward, Brenda St. Pierre, Mark Dziendzina and Claude St. Pierre.

The Niagara Knights hockey team were presented with the ICHL championship trophy and each was given individual smaller trophies. "I consider Fred a good friend and a great coach and I know that he'll do a good job with the team next year," Jim said.

The team won both the league and the playoff championship and are the first team to win both in the same year in the history of the college. "They were the best team that I've ever coached in my 20 years," Fred Bassi, Knights head coach, said.

Mayor Roland Hardy of Welland presents male Athlete of the Year Jim Darling with a plaque from the city as college president, Jacqueline Robarts, looks on.

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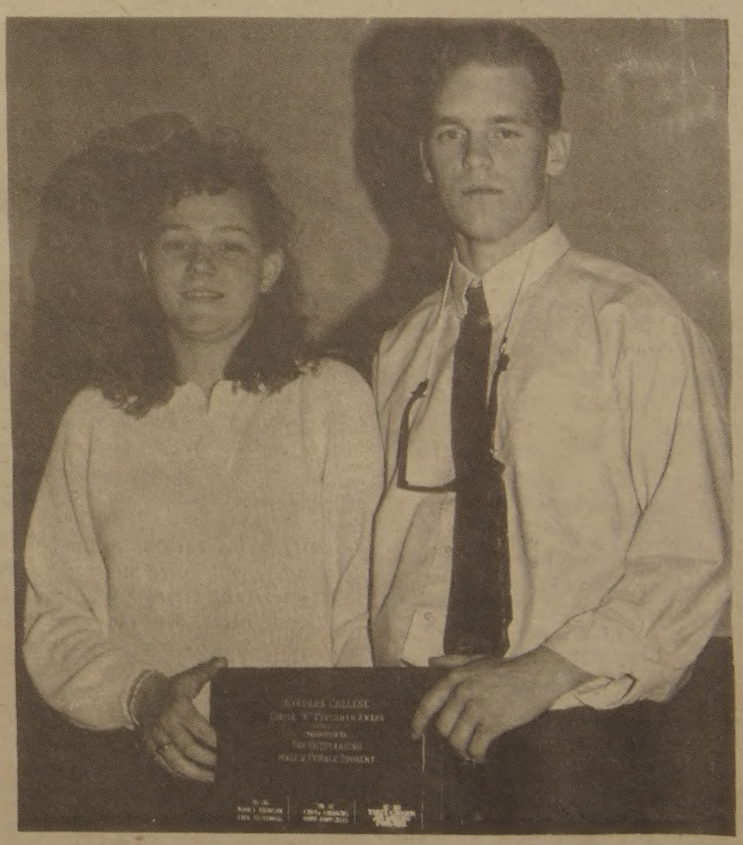

Karri Goering and Chris Curry were the Freshman Athletes of the Year. Karri and Chris were both from the varsity volleyball teams and received personalized plaques.

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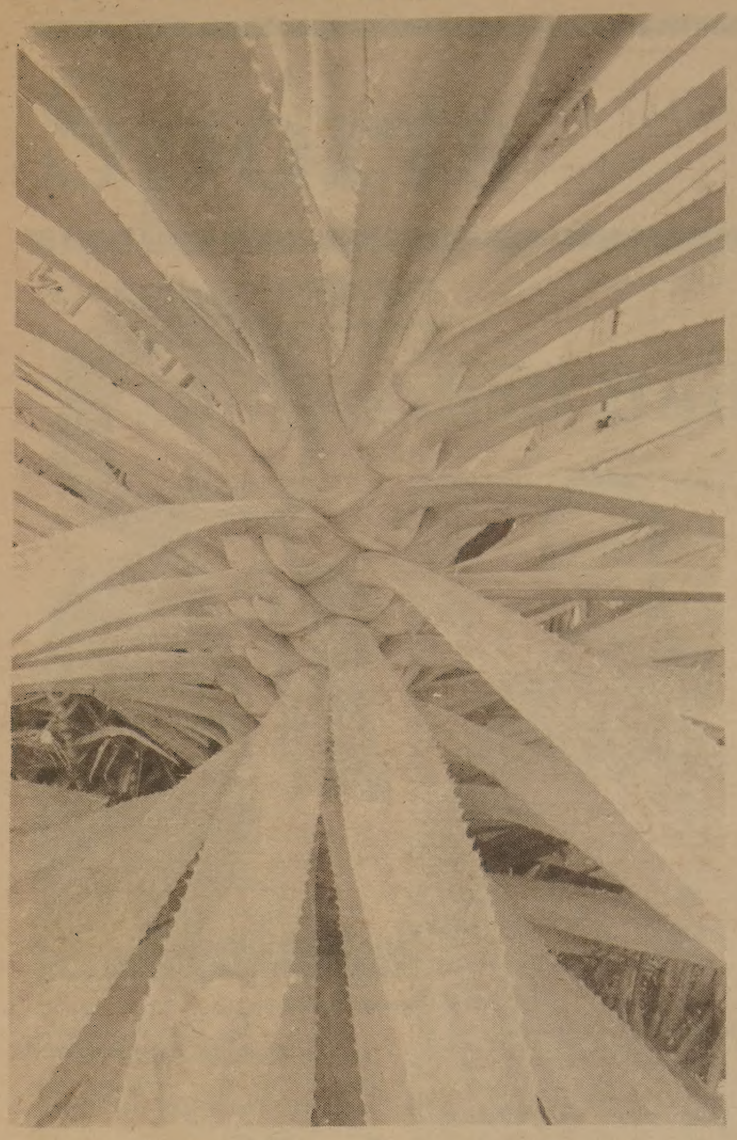


Nature's symmetry

Even though our climate is too cold for most cacti, these plants thrive in the warmth of a greenhouse. This particular one is a 10-year-old Agave Americana, a cactus native to Mexico. The Agave, a relative of the Aloe plant, produces yellow flowers on a tall spike. The Horticultural Centre has a large collection of cacti and succulents.

Photo by Tony Post

Mock inquest teaches students dangers of excessive drinking

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

"Trevor Brand" was a first-year business student at Brock University. And like all 19-year-olds who are away from their parents' watchful eye, he just wanted to have some fun.

Barely two weeks after his 19th birthday, Trevor fell to his death from a fifth-floor balcony. His blood alcohol level was 213 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

This was the atmosphere set at Brock University's mock inquest on March 7. Students who attended the inquiry left the Thistle Theatre better informed about the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption.

One student, who played the role of a first-year physical educations student and Trevor's roommate, described Trevor to the inquiry as being a very "social kinda guy."

"He got more and more into partying as time progressed," he said. "But I wouldn't have called him an alcoholic."

Trevor may not have been an alcoholic, but his excessive drinking behavior could have led him in that direction; his social drinking soon turned into drinking on school nights, his roommate said.

The objective of the university's mock inquest was not only to demonstrate procedures during an inquiry, but also to inform students of the dangers concerning the use and abuse of drinking.

Regional Coroner Dr. Gordon Powell took part in the inquest playing the role of himself as did Crown Attorney Graham Leach. Lawyers Leslie Flemming and Frank Gianotti cross-examined witnesses who were played by Brock students. Five students made up the jury.

After questioning Trevor's roommate and Mike Sorinsin, a first-year political science student who was the last to see Trevor alive, Dr. Powell asked what they had learned from the tragedy.

"People shouldn't solely rely on their don, be a little more forceful and do a little more than I did," the roommate said.

"You not only have to be responsible for yourself, you also have to look out for your friends," Mike said.

Following testimony of Nancy Rogers, a don, or chaperone, at Brock, the audiences attention was directed to the astonishing statistics made available by Dr. Valerie Jaeger, who played the role of an Addiction Research Foundation consultant.

There is a greater increase in the number of consumers of alcohol than in the amount of alcohol actually being consumed, she said.

"It's not a misconception that university students drink more because they do in fact drink a lot more" than other people their age.

Of the 900 students living in residence at Brock, 12 per cent consume about 28 drinks a week, she said.

And, she added, that 30 per cent of Ontario's university students take in more than 15 drinks per week.

Dr. Jaeger being the last to testify left students with something to think about.

After 15 minutes' deliberation, the jury came back with recommendations the university could use to prevent such a tragedy from repeating: beer kegs should be banned in residence; there should be more alcohol-free events for students to attend, and, more money and time should be devoted to educating students about the danger of drinking excessively.

Comedy pub a knee-slapper

By BAAITSE MOLAPO
Staff Writer

It was a fun Wednesday night and the comedians were really funny.

Greg Morton and Norm MacDonald, two well-known Canadian comedians, entertained students at Yuk Yuk's stand-up comedy night at Gilligan's.

About 250 students attended the comedy pub, and although it was just supposed to be a fun night with jokes, some of the jokes turned out to be educational, but most were sick with both comedians emphasizing words of ill repute.

Norm MacDonald, who took the stage first, advised students that they should stop smoking, and he told them how his father persuaded him to quit.

Greg then took the stage and he was funny from the start. He imitated and made fun of celebrities like Tina Turner, Tracy Chapman and others.

The Student Administrative Council made T-shirts for the comedy pub and students can buy them from the SAC office. The first 100 students in were given funny nose glasses, and Karl Anselstetter, SAC executive vice-president, designed big funny tickets to add humor to the occasion.

The students booed Norm and were happy to see Greg who received more applause than his colleague. Most of the jokes were sick and don't deserve to be printed.

This first comedy pub this year was extremely successful.

From Page One

PITCH IN

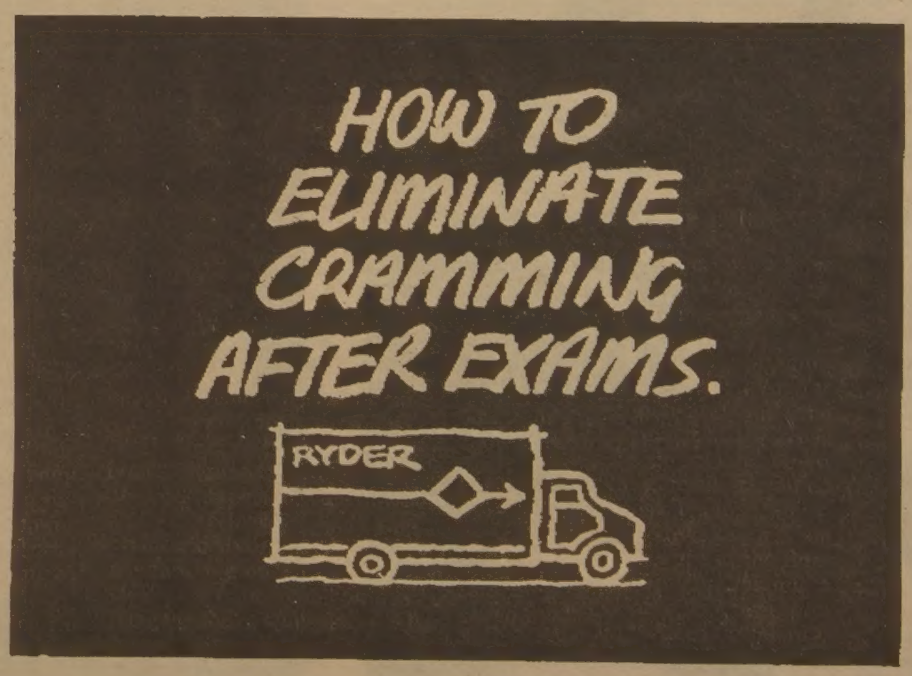
Open House

Mrs. Jurmain said the book sale, which will be restricted to paperbacks, will be held outside S104. "These won't be new, but fairly new, books."

EATS, TOO

Refreshments will be available at the Merritt wing, outside ME100A; Tecumseh centre, near the mini-cafeteria; Tecumseh Foyer, near the Fashion Boutique; Manera Court, and M21 in the Mackenzie building.

Kathy Borisenko, acting financial officer in the OSAP office, said she was going to make two OSAP presentations at 1 p.m. and at 3 p.m. on "how to apply for OSAP; how to deal with the application form; when to submit it, and how long to wait for a reply." Mrs. Borisenko will make the presentations in front of L5.



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